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SUBJ: W/W - LIONEL WORTHINGTON RIEBE, REPATRIATION

MR. E. BEGUIN, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL INSTITUTION "L'ESPERANCE" AT ETOY, SWITZERLAND INFORMED EMBASSY THAT LIONEL W. RIEBE, BORN 5/10/1917 AT NEW YORK WHO SUFFERS FROM A SEVERE MENTAL DEFICIENCY, HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED AT HIS MEDICAL-EDUCATIVE INSTITUTION SINCE 1923. MR. RIEBE'S BROTHER, MR. EDGAR RIEBE, 3945 PARK AV., EDISON, N. J. 08817, INFORMED DIR. BEGUIN THE TRUST FUND WHICH IN THE PAST PAID FOR MR. RIEBE'S HOSPITAL EXPENSES IS CLOSE TO ZERO, AND THAT HE HIMSELF DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO SUPPORT HIS BROTHER. MR. BEGUIN'S EFFORTS TO FIND A WELFARE ORGANIZATION IN SWITZERLAND WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN PAYING FOR MR. RIEBE'S UPKEEP WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. AN AMOUNT OF APPROX. \$ 5.500 PER ANNUM IS REQUIRED TO PAY THE HOSPITAL. ALTHOUGH, ACCORDING TO MR. BEGUIN IT WOULD PLACE AN EXTREME HARDSHIP ON MR. RIEBE TO HAVE TO LEAVE FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS, AS HE CAN ONLY ARTICULATE A FEW WORDS IN FRENCH, NONE IN ENGLISH, HE SEES NO ALTERNATIVE OTHER THAN TO HAVE HIM REPATRIATED TO THE UNITED STATES. MR. BEGUIN'S REQUEST TO MR. EDGAR W. RIEBE TO ARRANGE FOR HIS BROTHER'S REPATRIATION HAVE NOT BEEN ANSWERED. MR. EDGAR RIEBE IN HIS LETTER TO THE EMBASSY DATED DEC. 31, 1974 STATED THAT "... IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS CARE RESTS SQUARELY WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT."

MR. RIEBE IS UNABLE TO TRAVEL ALONE AND WOULD HAVE TO BE

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ACCOMPANIED BY A NURSE. THE FOLLOWING COSTS WOULD BE IN-

VOLVED:

ONE WAY TICKET GENEVA - NEW YORK	\$ 365.00
ROUND TRIP TICKET GENEVA-NEW YORK- GENEVA	\$ 735.00
EXPENDITURES FOR ESCORT	\$ 70.00
U.S. PASSPORT FEES	\$ 13.00

DUE TO MR. RIEBE'S INCOMPETENCY, MR. BEGUIN HAS
SIGNED FOR MR. RIEBE'S APPLICATION FOR REPATRIATION. THE
EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT REPATRIATION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$ 1183.00 BE AUTHORIZED.

THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION IS ALSO REQUESTED TO ISSUE
MR. RIEBE A U.S. PASSPORT LIMITED FOR DIRECT RETURN TO
U.S. ONLY. ALTHOUGH MR. BEGUIN RECALLS THAT MR. RIEBE
HAD AN AMERICAN PASSPORT MANY YEARS AGO, HE
HAS NOT HAD ONE FOR AT LEAST THE LAST 10 YEARS AND THE
EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD THAT HE WAS REGISTERED AS A
U.S. CITIZEN. A SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION CARD
WAS PRESENTED WHICH SHOWS THAT MR. RIEBE WAS REGISTERED
ON DEC. 30, 1943.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MR. RIEBE'S HOSPITALIZATION IN
APPROPRIATE INSTITUTION SHOULD ALSO BE MADE. DR. PIGUET'S
DIAGNOSIS FOR MR. LIONEL RIEBE STATES THAT HE SUFFERS
FROM HYDROCEPHALUS AND SEVERE FEEBLE MINDEDNESS.
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